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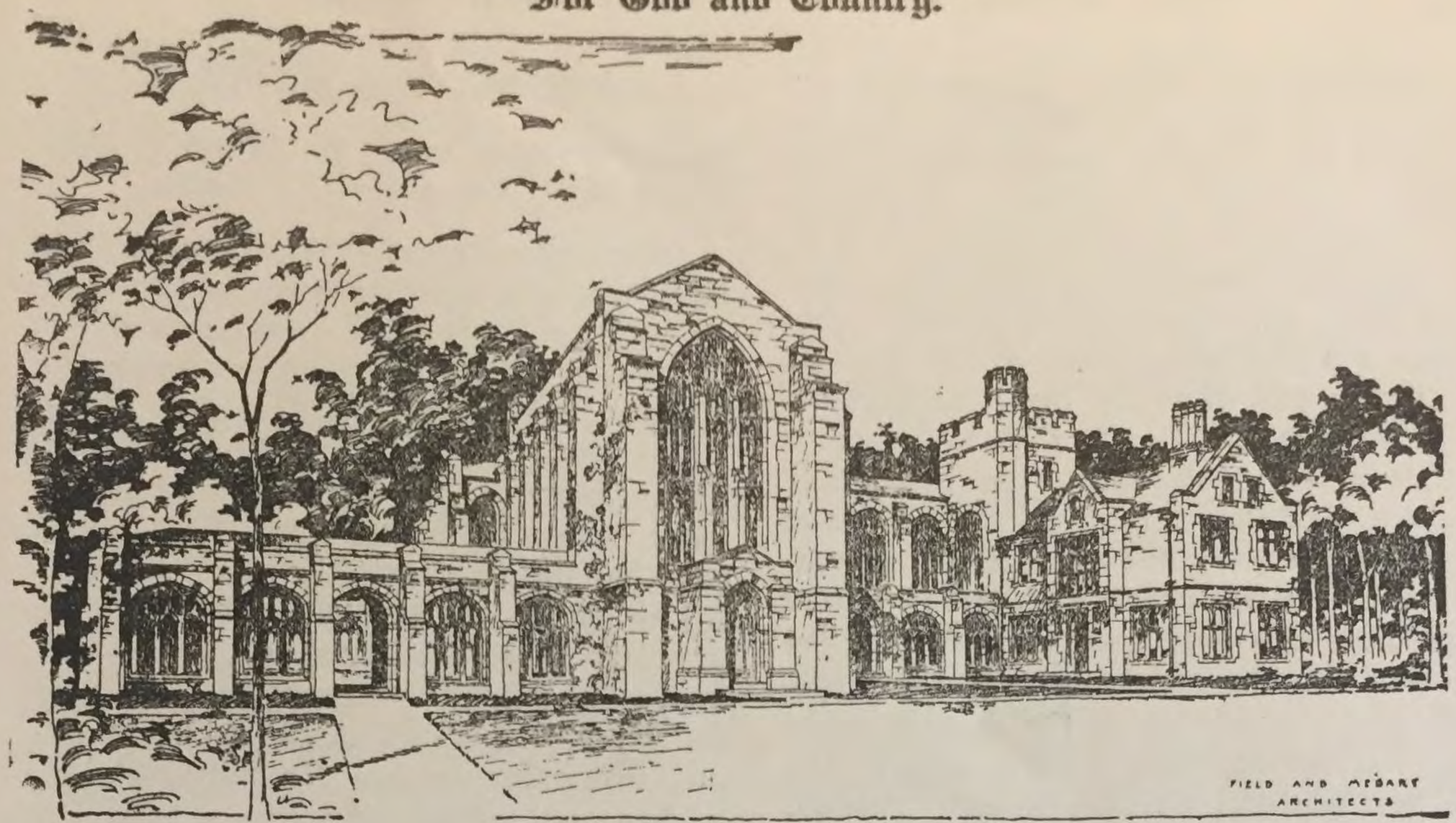

Cloister of the Colonies. Washington Memorial Chapel. Patriots' Hall. Tower and Rectory.

"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England—is so sacred in the history of the struggle for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY.

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Where Washington Prayed.

The purchase of the official headquarters tent of General Washington and its transfer from the National Museum in Washington to the Valley Forge Museum of American History is a notable work in the history of Valley Forge. Anything which will make more real to this generation the cost of the liberty enjoyed by it has a national value and importance, for privileges and blessings enjoyed without a sense of responsibility become deadly foes to individuals or to nations. Surely the sight of this tent will recall more vividly than anything else the story of the memorable winter at Valley Forge and the physical suffering which required moral heroism to endure. The snug home of the Quaker preacher suggests little of this side of the life here, and even the hut, built so carefully by Colonial Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, in accordance with the instructions given by Washington to his troops, speaks more or less of comfort. But a piece of canvas was a very slight protection against the wintry winds that swept these bleak hills. Yet only this in

those first days sheltered Washington and his naked and starving men. Nothing can so stimulate the imagination as this piece of canvas. Nothing so vividly recalls the story of Valley Forge.

Time and again the question is asked, "Where did Washington pray?" Two sites are pointed out, one on the slope of Mt. Joy, the other on the road between the Star Redoubt and the Washington Memorial Chapel. Both sites have their advocates. But hereafter the question will have a very definite answer. Wherever else Washington may have bowed his head in worship, we know that he did so beneath the folds of his tent. It was for him a sanctuary in the days of strife on the tented field, as his library was in the peaceful days at Mount Vernon. Here he was discovered at prayer, not once or twice, but on several occasions.

If Pohick Church, built under his direction and adorned by his generosity; if Christ Church, Alexandria, Christ Church, Philadelphia, and St. Paul's Church, New York, have been hallowed by his worship and sanctified by his prayers; if plastered walls and wooden pews have taken on a new interest because they have been the scene of the worship of the Father of his country: surely these linen threads which have vibrated with his prayers, these cords swept by the passionate pleading for his soldiers and his country, are among the most sacred reminders of his spirit of prayer! Valley Forge has always been for the American the place of Washington's prayer. The revernece inspired by that thought will be deepened by the sight of the noble fabric of the Washington Memorial Chapel,—memorial of his deep religious spirit,—and side by side with it the little tent which was his sanctuary here when all had failed him but his God. This was his tabernacle through those long years of wandering through which the Lord of hosts led him and his people from the house of colonial bondage to the land of republican Freedom.

WASHINGTON'S MARQUEE.

The First Valley Forge Headquarters Now in the Valley Forge Museum.

After negotiations covering more than two years one of the most important relics of Washington has been secured for the Valley Forge Museum of American History. This has been brought about largely through the efforts of Mrs. Mary J. B. Chew, of Philadelphia, who called the attention of the Rev. Mr. Burk to the fact that the tent used by Washington at Valley Forge was for sale. Mrs. Chew gave generously to make up the money required for the first payment on the tent and interested others in the effort to secure this valuable relic for Valley Forge. To her and to those who have been associated with her in this great work is due the gratitude of the American patriot.

The tent has had an eventful history. Indeed its history might almost be said to be that of the Nation. That it has safely passed through the two great wars in which the American people have been engaged, and still exists as a witness to both, is nothing less than marvelous. The official marquee of Washington during eight years of warfare, it was packed away first at Mount Vernon and then at Arlington until the outbreak of the Civil War. With the seizure of Arlington the tent passed into the possession of the United States, but it and other relics of Washington were restored to the Lee family during the administration of President McKinley. The contract for its sale was signed by Miss Mary Custis Lee, daughter of General Robert E. Lee, and granddaughter of George Washington Parke Custis, the adopted son of George Washington.

Until his nineteenth year George Washington Parke Custis lived with his adopted father and therefore his information was gained at first hand. We are indebted to him for many facts about the life and character of Washington, although not many are familiar with his

which are sewed iron hooks. From these was hung the curtain which screened the camp-cot used by Washington. This part of the tent was his dormitory and sanctuary.

With the tent are the original jointed tent poles, and the tent-pins with numbers corresponding to those on the tent-ropes. The latter are much worn. The original leathern case or portmanteau in which the tent was carried is well preserved. Strap handles are fastened at the ends of the case for carrying. It was fastened by straps and buckles.

An appeal is made to American patriots to give more than the small admission fee that the whole amount required to complete the purchase may be quickly made up, and this tabernacle of our American Moses kept at Valley Forge for all time.

Pews of the Patriots.

Another distinguished patriot is to be commemorated by a pew in the Chapel. This is Dr. James Hutchinson, who served as surgeon throughout the Revolution. On returning from London, where he completed his studies, he went to France and received from Franklin important despatches for Congress. After the Revolution Dr. Hutchinson held an honored place in the city of Philadelphia, where he was a trustee of the University of Pennsylvania, professor of materia medica, and later of chemistry in the same institution, secretary of the American Philosophical Society, and physician of the port of Philadelphia. This is the second trustee of the University of Pennsylvania to have a pew to his memory. The other is the Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D., who, by the way, served as a surgeon.

Work has been begun on the front door of the Chapel, which will be the gift of Colonial Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution.

The William S. Green and William L. Fox Collection of Indian Relics.

The collection of Indian relics presented by Mr. William S. Green and Mr. William L. Fox, of Wayne, shows what can be done by patient and intelligent search and study. Mr. Green, who began the collection, devoted many years to the accumulation of these relics and used a rare discrimination in the selection of specimens. The result is a remarkably complete presentation of Indian handiwork illustrating the life and work of the American aborigines.

The only mortar in the collection is in itself a treasure on account of its large size, deep cavity and excellent workmanship. There are two hoes of unusual size and shape, and these with the sinkers used by the Indian shad fishermen in the Delaware, relics from graves (including pieces of bone), ceremonial axes, ornaments, tools of various sorts, and a large number of arrow heads and other weapons, form a most interesting and instructive exhibit. The modern Indians are represented by pipes and bead work.

The collection given by Messrs. Green and Fox so complements that of the late Rev. Jesse Y. Burk that the Museum now contains a notable amount of material for the study of the aboriginal period of American history. It is hoped that others will follow the example of these collectors, and help us make this division of the Museum one of the most complete in the country.

Washingtoniana.

Relics of Washington will always be of supreme interest to the visitors to Valley Forge. The collection now in the Museum, to which has been added his marquée, is already a valuable one. Among the treasures is one which has not been exhibited, a beautiful miniature of Washington. This is the gift of the late Mrs. Ellwood M. Corson, of Norristown. It will be added to the collection as soon as there is a suitable place for it.

The Washington Memorial Library.

Louis Barcroft Runk, Esq., has presented to the Library a copy of "The Papers of Captain Rufus Lincoln, of Wareham, Mass., compiled from the Original Records by James Minor Lincoln. Privately Printed 1904." The author in his preface expresses his indebtedness to Mr. Runk for his assistance in the work. The book is a treasury of good things for the historian and antiquarian, and apart from the family history has a fund of information in the diaries, rosters, etc.

From Walter Bell Scaife, Ph. D., of Pittsburg, we have received his work on hstorical geography, entitled, "America: its Geographical History, 1492-1892." The book consists of six lectures delivered to the graduate students of Johns Hopkins University and a supplement entitled, "Was the Rio del Espiritu Santo of the Spanish Geographers the Mississippi?" Dr. Scaife answers the question in the negative, and his arguments are well supported by documentary evidence.

Mr. Barr Ferree, the able secretary of the Pennsylvania Society of New York, has sent to the Library in the name of the Pennsylvania Society a complete set of its publications. These are really an epitome of the history of Pennsylvania since the Society was organized. The editing has been done with unusual skill, and the illustrations have been well selected. Such work as this tends to keep alive the interest of Pennsylvanians in their home State. If the Society did nothing but publish these Year Books it would be doing a great work.

The Daughters of the Revolution, through Mrs. Carlton M. Moody, the Corresponding Secretary-General, have sent copies of their proceedings, 1906, 1907, 1908. The first contains an account of the Society's pilgrimage to Valley Forge, and the last has a notice of the death of Mr. I. Heston Todd, who gave the ground to the Society for the erection of the Waterman Monument and granted to Colonial Chapter the right to erect the reproduction of the soldiers' hut over one of the hut-holes.

The Regents of the University of Maryland have presented a copy of the memorial volume published to commemorate the centennial celebration of the foundation of the University, which took place in 1907. Dr. John C. Hemmeter and his associates have done an excellent piece of work in the preparation of this volume, which is a credit to the University of Maryland.

The following have been given by Mrs. Muscoe M. Gibson:

Memoir of Maj. A. Gen. George H. Thomas, by Richard W. Johnson, Philadelphia, 1881. Memorial Addresses on the Life and Character of Thaddeus Stevens, delivered in the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., December 17, 1868. Washington, 1869. Rev. Samuel Aaron, His Life, Sermons, Correspondence, etc. L. C. Aaron, Norristown, Pa., 1890.

"Calvary Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania," published by the Parish in 1908, has been presented by Mr. Pierce C. Williams, a member of the Parish. Calvary Church is one of the most notable works along the line of Gothic architecture in America, where our churches are usually built in violation of the best traditions. It is a hopeful sign of the times to find such a piece of work, and better yet, to find it appreciated. The Parish has done the right thing in giving the work of the architects, Messrs. Cram, Goodhue & Ferguson, this appreciative tribute, and students of ecclesiastical history and architecture will profit by the information and inspiration of these pages.

"The Evolution of the American Flag," from materials collected by the late George Canby, by Lloyd Balderston, Ph. D., Professor of Physics in the West Chester State Normal School, published in Philadelphia, 1909, comes to us with the author's compliments. This book is of the deepest interest as its purpose is

to substantiate the statements regarding the connection of Betsy Ross, with our flag, which have been seriously questioned. Mr. George Canby, who gathered much of the material in the book, was the last surviving grandson of Betsy Ross, or, as she was known after her second marriage, Elizabeth Claypole. The claims of Mrs. Ross are substantiated by affidavits made by her daughter, Rachel Fletcher; her granddaughter, Sophia B. Hildebrandt, and her niece, Margaret Boggs, all of whom testify that they heard Mrs. Ross tell again and again the story as it is known generally. Other documentary evidence as to the history of the flag is presented and the whole work is well worth serious study. Professor Balderston is on the popular side in this controversy but his appeal is to fact and not to legend.

(To be continued.)

Steps of Fame.

The Pews of the Patriots are evidence that there are many persons who will be glad to commemorate their patriot ancestors if some appropriate memorial can be suggested to them, especially if the price be moderate. In the great Thanksgiving Tower, which will stand at the corner of the Patriots' Hall, will be the memorial stairway, leading up to the Hall and Observatory. The steps of this will be "The Steps of Fame," and in time each one will commemorate the services of an American patriot. The steps will be of granite, and on the risers will be placed a tablet of cast bronze, bearing the inscription. The steps will be assigned in the order in which the applications are received. All inquiries in regard to them will be answered by Mr. Burk, to whom applications must be made.

The Guild asks that all its members and friends co-operate with it in all its undertakings to make the next year surpass even this one.

THE PATRIOTS' HALL.

The following have been enrolled in the "Book of the Founders":

Mrs. C. W. P. Brock, Richmond, Va.	$1.00
Mrs. T. S. Bocock, Richmond, Va.	1.00
Cora Ladd Reeves, Woodbury, N. J.	1.00
Celinda Shortz, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	1.00
Ethan Allen Chapter, D. A. R., Middlebury, Vt.	5.00
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A. M. Spring, Harmarville, Pa.	4.00
Clara J. von O. White, Philadelphia, Pa.	1.00
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Mary L. Woodin, Berwick, Pa.	10.00
Mrs. Joseph F. Sinnott, Rosemont, Pa.	2.00
Mary E. Sinnott, Rosemont, Pa.	1.00
	$ 51.00
Previously reported	568.00
	$619.00

The next meeting of the Guild will be held on Wednesday, October 6th, at Stewart Fund Hall, King-of-Prussia, Pa.

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Sundays.

2.30 P. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.

3.45 P. M. Service and Sermon.

Second Sunday of the month, 10.30 A. M. Service, Sermon and Holy Communion.

Stewart Fund Hall

Sundays.

10.00 A. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.

11.00 A. M. Service and Sermon.

Calendar.

SEPTEMBER.

19. Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.
21. St. Matthew, the Apostle.
    10 A. M., Holy Communion.
26. Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.
29. Saint Michael and All Angels.
    10 A. M., Holy Communion.

OCTOBER.

3. Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.
6. Meeting of the Washington Chapel Guild in Stewart Fund Hall, King-of-Prussia.
10. Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.

The Rev. Francis T. H. Finn has returned to his duties after a pleasant vacation, spent at Buck Hill Falls and Cape May.

The Washington Chapel Guild.

It is well for any organization to once a year review its work and see what it has done, wherein it has failed, and whether in every respect it is putting forth its best and most earnest efforts. The Guild of the Washington Memorial Chapel has finished another year of good works and success has crowned its efforts. Were any criticism justifiable, it would be the irregularity of attendance at the meetings. The attendance could be improved and the improvement rests with each individual member.

What the Guild has done financially the treasurer's report shows fully. When one considers the difficulties and distances that must be overcome in all its undertakings, it is certainly a most remarkable showing. The various Chapters have worked well and deserve a great deal of credit for their energy and perseverance. The Birthday Box proved a great success and added about twelve dollars to the income. The Constitution and By-Laws worked out practically and the Guild has grown in numbers, one of the most encouraging features of all During the course of the year the Guild has purchased a range for the sexton's kitchen, given the treasurer assistance toward current expenses and coach hire, assisted with the expenses of the publication of the Chronicle, purchased a carload of coal, entertained the choir in April, the Zook Post on Lincoln's Birthday, and the Women's Auxiliary to the Convocation of Norristown in May, furnished two luncheons—February 22d and June 19th—showing their willingness to assist with all chapel work. To meet the expenses of these numerous calls upon the Guild the following entertainments and sales were held: Two Rummage Sales, October and April; a lecture by Dr. Dobbins in All Saints' Parish House in March, and a Lawn Fete on the Patterson Lawn, Port Kennedy, June 5th. In addition donations were added to the treasury from the working Chapter—the

THE PATRIOTS' HALL.

The Founders' Certificate.

The following having contributed one dollar or more for the erection of the Patriots' Hall, have been enrolled in the Book of the Founders:

Washington Camp, No. 29, P. O. S. of A., Merchantville, N. J.	$5 00
Washington Camp, No. 14, P. O. S. of A., Trenton, N. J.	1 00
Williard C. Cutter, Trenton, N. J.	1 00
Josephine James Smith, West Chester, Pa.	2 00
Mrs. William Simpson, Jr., Overbrook, Pa.	5 00
No name, New York City, N. Y.	1 00
Mrs. A. Lewis Smith, Media, Pa.	1 00
Mrs. Henry Herschel Adams, Greenwich, Conn.	1 00
Lucy A. H. Allen, Fall River, Mass.	1 00
Alice W. Smith, Paoli, Pa.	1 00
Mrs. W. M. McCawley, Paoli, Pa.	1 00
Lucy Scott Bergland, Baltimore, Md.	2 00
Emma Y. Ainsworth, Addison, N. Y.	1 00
Mrs. Marshall Champion Allaben, Elkins, W. Va.	1 00
Rev. Lewis Wilder Hicks, Wellesley, Mass.	1 00
Mrs. Lewis Wilder Hicks, Wellesley, Mass.	1 00
Mary L. T. Alden, Little Compton, R. I.	1 00
Mary D. Bailliere, Derby, Conn.	5 00
Florence Leland Smaltz, Saint Davids, Pa.	1 00
Henry Leland Smaltz, Saint Davids, Pa.	1 00
Mrs. D. G. Ambler, Litchfield, Conn.	1 00
Lucy F. Alexander, Spring Station, Ky.	2 00
Harriet B. Swineford, Philadelphia, Pa.	1 00
Caroline E. B. Mackenzie, Fall River, Mass.	1 00
Peace C. Hambley, Fall River, Mass.	1 00
Mary S. Thomas, Philadelphia, Pa.	1 00
Margaret W. Smith, Pitsburg, Pa.	1 00
Sarah Chandler Egan, Highland Park, Ill.	1 00
Evelyn Lewis Stull, Philadelphia, Pa.	1 00
Mrs. Mercie A. Taylor, Oxford, Pa.	1 00
Elizabeth R. Warthman, Lansdowne, Pa.	1 00
Kate Weber, Philadelphia, Pa.	1 00
R. Frances Thompson, Pottsville, Pa.	1 00
Agnes C. Way, Sewickley, Pa.	1 00
Edith E. Gardner, Hoboken, N. J.	2 00
Ellen E. Jones, Reading, Pa.	1 00
Jane D. Walker, Allegheny, Pa.	1 00
Mrs. Charlemagne Tower, Jr.	1 00
	$54 00
Previously reported	$514 00
	$568 00

The Washington Memorial Library.

Other items have crowded out of our columns those notes which would have told of growth of this important part of our work at Valley Forge. The modest bookcase will soon be too small to hold the books which thoughtful friends are donating. We are hoping that some one will give the money for the bookplate. This will be a copy of Washington's with the words above it, "The Washington Memorial Library, Valley Forge," and below it "Presented by."

Two of the books are reminders of the interest of the late George C. Thomas in this part of the Valley Forge work, for he gave them but a few weeks before his death. They are in themselves indicative of his public spirit, for both are publications of documents in his library. The first is a handsome volume entitled "Autograph Letters and Autographs of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence in the possession of George C. Thomas." Each letter is preceded by a brief biographical notice written by A. Howard Ritter, Esq. These contain just the information needed to enhance the interest of the documents, and are a valu-

able addition to the book. Nearly all of the letters are of historic value, and the whole collection shows most intelligent selection. The second book is "The Charter of Liberities from William Penn to the Freemen of the Province of Pennsylvania." The charter is prefaced by a most interesting account by Mr. Ritter of its history, including the story of how the State of Pennsylvania lost it by the refusal of Governor Hastings to approve the appropriation of $15,000 for its purchase.

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A VALLEY FORGE ORDERLY BOOK.

Printed by Courtesy of Its late Owner, Mr. George Clifford Thomas.

Head Quars. Valley Forge Jany 9th, 1778.

Major Genl..... ..De Kalb Brigadier Maxwell
Field officers..Lt. Colo. Printice Major Sumner
Brigade Major..... .... McCormick

The execution of John Raily is Respited Till tomorrow Ten oClock in the Forenoon when the detachment from the Several Brigades are to attend on the Grand perade. Some Doubts having arrisen Respecting The manner in which the pay Rolls for the Months extrordinary Pay should up the proceeding therein is to be Stayed Till further orders.—

The order of yesterday for a Return of Armourers was Intended to Include all the Gun smiths in the Respective Brigades, those Returns are to be made Tomorrow at Orderly time —— The Regieml P. Mrs are to bring in Their abstracts for the Month of November for Examinan:

The Major Genls & Brigadiers (or officers Commanding Brigades) of each Division are to fix on some Suitable Ground near their Respective Brigades where Hospitals may be Erected, One for the Sick of each Brigade, and as soon as the men can Possibly be spared from working at the Hutts, they are to errect those Hospitals; The officers who shall be Appointed to Supertend The work will Receive the direction therefor at the Adjut. Genls office——

The Brigade Qr. Mrs are as soon As possible to make Racks for all the Horses of their Brigades to prevent the waste of Forrage.—The Genl. Being informed that many officers are frequently passing Out of Camp without Leave; That practice is positively Forbiden; And no officers is to go beyond the Limmitts of the Camp without written Licence from the Major Genl. or Brigadier of the division to which he belongs—A Sub & 8 Men from Scotts 1st Pensylvania, 2nd do Poors Maxwells Conways and Glovers Brigades, are to perade Tomorrow Morning at Nine OClock, on the Grand perade Prepair'd for a Weeks Command—Each Brigade Qr Masr is to come Tomorrow in the fore Noon to Receive the Iron Ovens for their Brigades.—

Head Qrs. Valley Forge Jany 10th, 1778.

Major General..... ..Tomorrow .....Green
Brigadier do ..... do .....Weeden
Field officers..... .....Hubley Major Hair
Brigade Major.....Mc Gowin

The Issuing Commissaries is Hereby Authorized to furnish the Genls and Other officers of the Army, with Small proportinable Quantities of Spirits upon their orders when ever it can be Spared of wch He is to Keep a Regular Account, and Settle with for it at a Reasonable price.—All the Tin Cannisters that have been Issued to the Troops, are to be Return'd forthwith To the Commissary of the Military Stores who is to enter the Number Receiv'd of each Core or Brigade.

Head Quarters after Orders..

A detachment of 300 men are to perade Tomorrow morning 9 OClock on the Grand Perade to Releive Colo Morgans Corps prepair'd for a Weeks Command. Colo Stephens And Major Ledyard are to Command the Detachment.—

A detachment of 150 men to perade Tomorrow Morning at the same time and place to take Post at The Gulph Mill for One week. Lieut. Rhea will take The Command of this Detachment.—

(To be continued.)